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## Banks



NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

INDIA AND CHINA LINES, HONGKONG AGENCY,  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ,  
ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA,  
MARSEILLES,  
Also,  
BOMBAY, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS,  
AND CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steam-ship **HOOGLY**,  
Commandant **DE BOVIS**, will leave  
this Port for the above places, with Mail,  
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, shortly after  
the arrival of the Steamer **DUPLEX**, ex-  
pected from Shanghai on or about the 28th  
instant.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and  
accepted in transit through Marseilles or  
the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board

of the 27th Instant, Specie and  
parcels are not to be sent on board; they  
must be left at the Agency's Office.  
For further particulars apply at the Com-  
pany's Office, Queen's Road.  
C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent*  
Hongkong, March 11, 1898.

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## Steam Tugs.

NOTICE.  
THE STEAM TUG **ISLAND QUEEN**,  
150 H. P. Nominal, will commence to  
run on the River Min and adjacent waters  
in the spring; and will then be avail-  
able to berth ships at the anchorage, and to  
to, and from, sea at usual rates.  
For further information, apply to Messrs  
H. How & Co., Fenchurch, or to the Un-  
signed.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Agents,  
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

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**NOTICE.**  
**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK**  
**COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
**STEAM-TUG "FAME," 110 H. P.**  
**NOMINAL.**  
*With disconnecting Engines.*  
**THIS Powerful TUG is available at any**  
**moment to Birth Vessels in Harbour,**  
**Now them to or from Sea.**

or particulars, apply to the Captain on  
board, or to the Office of the Company,  
Canton Street, Hongkong.  
**JOHN S. LAPRAIK,**  
*Secretary.*  
Hongkong, October 13, 1866.

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**NOTICE.**  
**HONGKONG DOCK COMPANY OF HONG-**  
**KONG AND WHAMPOA,**  
**(LIMITED.)**

AM TUG "LITTLE ORPHAN."  
 IS Powerful TUG is available at any  
 moment to Berth Vessels in this Har-  
 or to Tow them to or from Sea.  
 or Particulars, apply at the Company's  
 s, Peider's Wharf, Praya, Hongkong,  
 to the Captain on Board.  
 J. B. ENDICOTT,  
*Secretary.*  
 Hongkong, October 12, 1885.

**Shipping.**

**FOR MANILA.**  
The 41 Spanish Barque  
"MINERVA"  
CARREHROS, Master, will have  
immediate despatch for the  
Port.  
Freight or Passage, apply to  
REMEDIOS & Co.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1888.

FOR NAGASAKI.  
The A 1 Amer. Clipper-schooner  
"CHILD OF THE OCEAN,"  
daily expected, will have quick  
despatch for the above port.  
For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 5, 1868. tf

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FOR HONOLULU.  
The First Class Hawaiian Sch.  
"CHINA PACKER,"

CHINA PACKET,  
Capt. REYNOLDS, having the  
greater portion of her Cargo  
shipped, will have quick despatch.  
Freight or Passage, apply to  
Wm. POSTAU & Co.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.  
The British Ship  
"CHELSEA,"  
904 Tons Register, Lowe, Mas.

ter, having the greater part of  
cargo engaged, will have quick des-  
patch as above.  
Freight or Passage, apply to  
BOSMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

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R MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.  
The A 1 Clipper-ship  
"ONWARD."  
WILLIAM WYATT, Master, will  
be despatched for the above ports

Freight or Passage, apply to  
ROZARIO & Co,  
Hongkong, February 21, 1887,



## Insurances.

**SUN FIRE OFFICE.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Office, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on the usual Terms and Conditions.  
Risks will also be accepted at the following Ports:—  
Canton, by Messrs DEACON & Co.  
Macao, by E. L. LANGA, Esq.  
Amoy, by Messrs HOY & Co.  
Fuzhou, by Messrs KINKEAD & Co.  
Full particulars of Rates, &c., may be obtained on application to  
ADAM SCOTT & Co. Agents,  
Hongkong, May 22, 1866.

**GUARDIAN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTIONS IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co. Agents,  
Hongkong, October 19, 1865.

**LANSHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
(FIRE AND LIFE).  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.  
THE Underwritten have been appointed Agents for the above Office, and are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Conditions as to Rates and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.  
If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.  
For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information apply to  
ARNOLD KARRBERG & Co.  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current Rates.  
RAYNAL & Co.  
Macao, Aug. 4, 1866.

**MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.**  
PAID UP CAPITAL \$500,000.  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.  
OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTIONS IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

**SHORT PERIOD RATES.**  
NOT exceeding one month, 1/2 of the annual rate.  
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 1/3 " "  
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 1/4 " "  
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 1/5 " "  
GILMAN & Co.  
Agents North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 8, 1866.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.  
ESTABLISHED 1800.  
CAPITAL £2,000,000.  
ANNUAL REVENUE £239,297.  
THE Underwritten Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on the usual Terms and Conditions, on Buildings, or on Merchandise in the same.  
GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, June 21, 1864.

**ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.**  
ESTABLISHED 1836.  
CAPITAL £500,000.  
Managing Agents in China:—Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee, J. IVOR MORAY, Esq., M.D.  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.  
For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Managing Agents in China.  
Hongkong, June, 1867.

**JOHN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
LONDON.  
Incorporated 1859.  
CAPITAL—£1,000,000.  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

**THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1867.

## Insurances.

**THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**  
CAPITAL ONE MILLION STERLING.  
THE DIRECTORS have the pleasure to announce the appointment of Messrs Holliday, Wise & Co. as agents for the Company at Hongkong, Shanghai, Canton, Hankow, and Fuchow, who are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates and of whom all useful information may be obtained.  
By Order of the Board,  
JAS. B. NORTHCOTT, Secretary.

**REDUCTION OF RATES.**  
THE Underwritten are prepared to accept Short period Risks at the following Reduced Scale, viz:—  
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/3 " "  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/4 " "  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/5 " "  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 7, 1866.

**REDUCTION OF RATES.**  
THE Underwritten are prepared to accept Short period Risks at the following Reduced Scale, viz:—  
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.  
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 1/3 " "  
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 1/4 " "  
Above 6 months and not exceeding 12 months, 1/5 " "  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, China Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 7, 1866.

**CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTIONS IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1866.

**CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
REDUCTIONS IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.  
DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from Town, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Other Dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
Godowns, Offices, Shops, and their Contents, 1 per cent.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, China Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, March 7, 1866.

**IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, August 24, 1864.

**ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
FIRE AND LIFE.  
CAPITAL, £2,000,000.  
(LIFE DEPARTMENT).  
22 per Cent. per annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on all Profit participating Policies of Two Years standing.  
The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.  
An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Underwritten without referring to Head-quarters.  
By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Underwritten without reference to England.  
Losses to Medical Referees paid by the Company.  
No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.  
Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.  
Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2 10s. per Cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent residence in Europe.

AGE.	WITHOUT PARTICIPATION.	WITH PARTICIPATION.
15	£3 10 8	£4 5 6
20	4 3 8	4 9 4
25	4 8 2	4 14 2
30	4 13 11	4 19 0
35	5 0 0	5 2 4
40	5 8 0	5 14 0
45	5 17 11	6 4 0
50	6 11 7	6 18 3
55	7 11 1	8 0 4
60	8 16 0	9 8 7

N.B. Intermediate ages charged proportionally.  
For Forms, for effecting Life Assurances, and for further information, apply to.  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, September 2, 1864.

## Insurances.

**AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first class Sailing Vessels or Steamers, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in CHINA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, LONDON, ROY. S. WALKER & Co.  
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

**NOTICE.**  
THE Underwritten having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorized to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz:—  
On any one first-class Building, or on Goods stored therein:—in Hongkong, \$50,000; in Macao \$45,000.  
Agents Royal Assur. Company of Liverpool.  
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

**REDUCTION.**  
IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.  
THE Underwritten have received Instructions to Reduce Rates for FIRE INSURANCE for short periods as follows:—  
On Policies not exceeding:  
1 month from 1/2 per cent. to 1/3 per cent.  
3 " " " " " "  
6 " " " " " "  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 21, 1866.

**REDUCTION.**  
IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR FIRE INSURANCE.  
THE Underwritten have already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and Effects, therein contained.  
In cases of DWELLING-HOUSES removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be Three-quarters per Cent. in place of One per Cent. per Annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to One-half per Cent.  
The Royal's Annual Rate for FIRE INSURANCE on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz:—  
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling-Houses (removed from the Town) and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.  
Other Dwelling-Houses (similarly situated) and their Contents, 1/3 per cent.  
First Class China House and their Contents, 1/4 per cent.  
Other Risks as per special arrangement.  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, November 9, 1866.

**LIFE ASSURANCE.**  
THE Underwritten have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue LIFE POLICIES for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head Office, as was previously required by the Board.  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co., Agents Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, January 6, 1866.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.**  
THE Underwritten, agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents in China for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks, at the current rates.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, July 6, 1866.

**BATAVIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, April 1, 1866.

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**  
A DIVIDEND OF (8 per Cent.) Eight per cent has been declared on the Net Profit contributed to the above Association for the year ending 30th September, 1866.  
Policy Holders will please send in particulars of their contribution to that date to the Underwritten.  
RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.  
Hongkong, September 7, 1867.

**YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of the Association, are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Fuchow and Shanghai.  
In addition to the usual brokerage, this Association returns to the assured of each year at the close of each current year, fifteen (15) per cent of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1867.

**HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
THE following Reduced Rates will be charged in future for Short period Insurances, viz:—  
One month, 1/2 per cent.  
Three months, 1/3 " "  
Six months, 1/4 " "  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, August 6, 1866.

**DE OOSTERLING SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.**  
THE Underwritten having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Companies are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.  
SIEMSEN & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1866.

## Docks.

**UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.**  
THE Company respectfully beg to call the attention of Ship Owners, Agents and Masters to their Establishments at Hongkong and Whampoa, which offer every facility for the DOCKING and REPAIRS of Vessels of all classes.

Their Docks in Whampoa, which comprise Four, have been in successful operation for the last Twelve Years, and are now in good Working Condition.  
The Docks are pumped out by a Steam Pump in Five hours, and capable of taking in Vessels drawing 15 1/2 feet at Spring Tides.  
The Work Sheds comprise the different Departments of the Shipwright, Blacksmiths, Boiler Maker, and Foundry—possessing all the necessary appliances for the Repairs of Ships, Steamers, and Steam Machinery.

The Stores in the different Departments consist of the best Materials, which can be supplied to Vessels on the most reasonable Terms.  
A JETTY, with a powerful Lifting Shears, alongside of which Vessels can lie and take out Masts, Boilers, &c.  
A STEAM TUG always in readiness to Tow Vessels to the Docks, free of charge, and will tow them back to anchorage or to sea at reduced Rates.

All Work executed on under the supervision of experienced European Engineers.  
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office, Pedder's Wharf, Frays, Hongkong.

**J. B. ENDICOTT, Secretary.**  
N.B.—The Consignees or Masters of any Vessels seeking reason to complain of the Dock arrangements, should address the Secretary on the subject, when their complaints will receive the immediate attention of the Directors of the Company.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1865.

**HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
CAPITAL—£750,000.  
IN 1,500 SHARES, OF £500 EACH.  
THE COMPANY'S DOCKS at ABERDEEN and WHAMPOA are in full working order, and the attention of Shipowners is respectfully solicited to the advantages which their Establishments offer for the Docking and Repair of Vessels.  
The following description of the Premises is submitted for the information of the Public.

**ABERDEEN DOCK.**  
DOCK NO. 1.  
Built of GRANITE.  
Length, 380 feet.  
Breadth, 80 " "  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 15 1/2 " "  
do. Neap Tides, 15 " "  
NEW DOCK, No. 2.  
Built of GRANITE.  
Length, 400 feet.  
Breadth, 90 " "  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 24 " "  
do. Neap Tides, 21 1/2 " "

**WHAMPOA DOCKS.**  
DOCK A.  
Built of GRANITE.  
Length, 550 feet.  
Breadth, 80 " "  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 16 1/2 ft. "  
do. Neap Tides, 15 1/2 " "  
This Dock can be used either as one or two Docks.  
DOCK B.  
Built of GRANITE.  
Length, 340 feet.  
Breadth, 60 " "  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 13 " "  
do. Neap Tides, 12 " "

**DOCK C.**  
Built of WOOD.  
Length, 290 feet.  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 14 " "  
do. Neap Tides, 11 " "  
Fitted with Caissons and Steam Pumps.  
DOCK D.  
Length, 164 feet.  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 12 1/2 " "  
do. Neap Tides, 9 1/2 " "

**DOCK E.**  
Length, 120 feet.  
Depth of Water at Spring Tides, 11 " "  
do. Neap Tides, 8 " "  
D and E are Mud Docks available for small vessels, at very low rates.

**WORKSHOPS.**  
The Workshops on the Premises, both at Aberdeen and Whampoa, possess every appliance for the Repairs of Ships or Steam Machinery. The Engineer's Shops are supplied with Lathes, Planing, Sawing, Cutting, Punching Machines, &c., &c., capable of executing work on the largest scale, and Blacksmith's Shops are equally well supplied with plant, and the work is uniformly carried on under the supervision of experienced Europeans.

Powerful Lifting Shears stand on a Jetty alongside where vessels can lie in 24 feet water and take in or out boilers, masts, &c.  
**BOILERMAKERS' DEPARTMENT.**  
The company in addition to executing Repairs are prepared to tender for supplying new Boilers to Steamships for constructing which they have great facilities.

**FOUNDRY.**  
Iron and Brass Castings, either for Ships or general purposes, executed with the utmost dispatch.

**STORES.**  
The Company's Stores will (when required) supply at moderate rates all the necessities for Shipwork, such as Paint, Copper, Canvas, &c., &c.  
**STEAM TUG.**  
The Company's powerful Steam Tug (100 Horse-power nominal) is always in readiness to Tow Sailing Vessels from Hongkong to the Dock free of charge, and will take them back or to sea at reduced Rates.

For further particulars, apply at the Office of the Company, 4 Aguilier Street, Hongkong.  
N.B.—The Consignees or Master of any Vessel seeking reason to complain of the work done in the Docks, or in any way respecting the Dock arrangements, should address the Secretary on the subject, when their complaints will receive the immediate attention of the Directors of the Company.  
Hongkong, October 10, 1866.

## Miscellaneous.

**THE TREATY PORTS OF China and Japan.**  
A COMPLETE GUIDE TO THE OPEN PORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES, TOGETHER WITH POKING, YEDO, HONGKONG AND MACAO.  
FORMING A GUIDE BOOK & VADE ME-CUM FOR TRAVELLERS, MERCHANTS, AND RESIDENTS IN GENERAL.  
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**Opinions of the Press.**  
(Singapore Free Press, May 9.)

We referred briefly, several days ago, to a new work published by Messrs. A. Shortt & Co., of Hongkong, entitled "The Treaty Ports of China and Japan." But it would be utterly impossible, in a condensed notice of such a work, to give an adequate idea of its contents. The historical events of interest since the foundation of the settlement of Hongkong, are perhaps too much condensed into a general summary, but the most important features in the composition of the society of the present colony, is detailed at greater length. When we come to consider that the book before us makes no pretensions to be a history, but merely a guide book, we cannot hesitate to pronounce it at once the most complete work of its kind ever issued. The Appendix may be termed the China Bradshaw, and the text is filled with interesting papers—historical, botanical, and descriptive. The maps and plans are useful illustrations of the geographical position of the treaty ports, and a valuable assistance both to travellers and residents.

Shanghai Recorder, May 7, and Supreme Court and Consular Gazette, May 11, 1867.  
A very useful book has just been issued from the Press in Hongkong under the title of "The Guide Book and Vade-mecum to the Treaty Ports of China and Japan," compiled and edited by Mr. N. B. Dennis. The book is very conveniently got up; is interspersed with maps of the various treaty ports, and contains, besides much useful local information, historical sketches of much interest. Our readers will feel naturally interested in what is a book concerning Shanghai, and a good idea of the history of this place is conveyed in Mr. Dennis's work. \* \* \* The other parts in China and also those in Japan are carefully described, and almost all particulars which can be required by the traveller or resident are to be found in this work, which may be justly regarded as the "Murray" of China.

(N. C. Daily News, May 16.)  
A very interesting book has lately been published, entitled "The Treaty Ports of China and Japan," to which it forms a complete guide, and regarding the history of which it gives interesting particulars. Maps of the various localities described are inserted, and an appendix shows the existing means of transport between Europe and America and these two countries. A work of the kind was much needed; the information regarding the districts in which they reside that had hitherto been concealed under the mysterious hieroglyphics of the Chinese language, or at best open only to sinologists. The modest hope expressed by the authors, that much will be found in the present book that is new and unknown to the general reader, is, we think, fully justified. Hongkong and Canton, for example, each occupy more than 100 pages, comprising every conceivable particular regarding them, from their history native and foreign, to particulars of the geological formation and botanical wealth of the neighbourhood. \* \* \* Not the least interesting feature in the book under review, is the insight it affords us into the character of the population in different parts of this vast empire. \* \* \* One of the most interesting chapters is devoted to a sketch of the history and topographical features of Formosa. The vicissitudes of its history, the peculiarities of its inhabitants, and the reputed mineral wealth of its hills afford ample subject for research; and, to a person of Mr. Dennis's tastes, must have offered powerful attractions. From his "Notes on Formosa" are derived many of the particulars given in the work under review. \* \* \* Interesting descriptions of the fauna and flora of the island are given, for details of which we refer our readers to the book itself. We have, we believe, and enough to show the scope and character of the work; and must take leave of it for the present, though with the intention of completing our sketch of the information it gives regarding the various treaty ports, on a future occasion. In the meantime, we can assure our readers that no one who takes the trouble to gain a more intimate knowledge of it, will regret the time employed.

From the *Hankow Times*, May 18.  
We feel it to be a public duty to take the first opportunity of calling attention to the "Guide Book and Vade-mecum" just issued for "travellers, merchants, and residents in general," in the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, by Messrs Shortt & Co., of Hongkong. \* \* \* The order of description of the various places follows their position on, or from the coast, as we go northward. In each instance the history, position, means of access, accommodation, foreign residences, public buildings, community, mode and cost of living, climate, associations, amusements, places of interest, native institutions, population, local government, natural history, productions, and statistics of trade are given, along with a miscellaneous detail of facts and incidents, in connection with particular localities. So far as we are able to practically test the individual descriptions of the various places, they are given with a considerable degree of fairness and truth. Peking, Yedo, and Macao are wisely included in the general survey. \* \* \* The value of the book is greatly increased by a most copious index, and the work closes with a set of useful appendices. The last of these is the greatest novelty of all formal works published from the earliest date in the English language on China and Japan. Philological notes are, for some reasons best known to the compilers, entirely excluded.

## Miscellaneous.

We hope to see this omission repaired in the next edition. With the exception of the comparative thinness of the paper, the getting-up of the work is very creditable to all concerned; and we have sincere pleasure in commending the authors and publishers on the considerable merit of their admirable enterprise and performance.

From the *Englishman* (Calcutta) of June 8:—  
The celebrated volumes of the French Abbé Hue on China, and Sir Rutherford Alcock's account of Japan are no doubt works of a far higher class and more extensive scope than the one now before us; but for practical utility, for all purposes of locomotion, trading and residence in any of the places coming within its compass, *The Treaty Ports of China and Japan*, by Messrs Dennis, Dennis and King, far surpasses them. It is difficult to know under what class of books to place it, for it contains a mixture of history, topography, hygiene, Murray's Hand-book and King, far surpasses them. It is difficult to know under what class of books to place it, for it contains a mixture of history, topography, hygiene, Murray's Hand-book and King, far surpasses them. It is difficult to know under what class of books to place it, for it contains a mixture of history, topography, hygiene, Murray's Hand-book and King, far surpasses them.

**Notes and Queries:**  
ON  
CHINA AND JAPAN.  
A MONTHLY MEDIUM OF INTER-COMMUNICATION.  
Professional and Literary Men, Missionaries and Residents in the East generally.  
EDITED BY N. B. DENNIS.  
PRICE \$6 PER ANNUM.

**Opinions of the Press.**  
(Hankow Times, Mar. 1867.)

We insert this week, apropos of some private correspondence which has appeared in our columns, an extract from the new publication, "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," on the subject of intercommunication, which we particularly recommend to the notice of our contributors as containing some reliable facts in connection with the vexed question. \* \* \* Such a work as the "Notes" is peculiarly adapted for bringing to light valuable information in respect to this country, and its people, language, and institutions; and we trust it will be warmly supported and endorsed by the numerous rising and energetic men, who are now, thanks principally to the philological labours of Mr. Secretary Wade, making rapid advance in the acquirement of the language to say nothing of the devoted missionaries who have already grown grey in their service to the cause to which they have given themselves.

Report of North China Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.  
Two periodicals which are likely to be of great service have also been commenced; one is published at Fuchow and is called "The Missionary Recorder," and the other emanates from Hongkong and is called "Notes and Queries." It is intended to serve as a medium of intercommunication for persons interested in Chinese Philology, Geography or History. These indications of literary activity are perhaps the most important sign of the times. \* \* \* It has been our province to record, for they are all means to facilitate that mutual understanding of the other, which seems so hard to establish between Europe and China.

(Shanghai Recorder, May 17, 1867.)  
We are put in possession of the fourth number of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan." In saying that the present issue equals in interest and importance its predecessors, we have already said a great deal in its favour. Our knowledge of these countries has hitherto been so scattered, so ill-arranged, cutwadded as it were, in a series of works in different languages, and spreading in point of time, over the last two centuries, that some means of separating what is really new, from what has possibly been over and over again described is much to be desired. \* \* \* As a medium of intercommunication on these and many other subjects of interest to those connected with the Far East, we must bid the appearance of "Notes and Queries." \* \* \* We need only add that the periodical is of convenient size, is carefully edited by Mr. N. B. Dennis, and is published at the low price of \$4 per annum and having said this, we trust that "Notes and Queries on China and Japan" will meet with that success which so creditable a production deserves at the hands of those interested in Asiatic researches.

(Fuchow Advertiser, May 4, 1867.)  
We have received a copy of "Notes and Queries," this publication will be really useful. It contains much matter relating to China which otherwise would be lost, and we wish it every success. Sinologists, Chinese antiquaries and scientific men ought especially to congratulate themselves on the appearance of "Notes and Queries," as it will form their medium of communication and bring into notice what otherwise might have lain unknown and buried in themselves. Now that Law and Officialism have got their Gazette, Science and Philology their Recorder, the various divisions of useful thought and work in this land ought to be well taken care of; for our part we are glad to see these several issues, both on account of the information and instruction they afford, and the index they supply to the mental vigour of the foreign community in this land.

(Singapore Free Press, Mar. 2, 1867.)  
We have received the first number of a new little pamphlet of eight pages entitled "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," containing some able and interesting bits of news and antiquities, together with notes and answers to queries for future contributors. It is a pleasant surprise that the number of its pages will depend upon the number and length of its contributions. The work will be received with eagerness by literary men, as throwing light upon the ancient traditions of China, with researches into the laws of the various provinces, and the custom of the people.

They have also erected a FOC the Premises, and are prepared all kinds of IRON AND BRASS CAST and hope that by a strict attention to business and moderate charges, a share of the public patronage. Hongkong, August 22, 1867.

C. L. VOLKMAN, Private Boarding Establishment, 20, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, HONGKONG, Hongkong, January 7, 1868.

## No. 1491.—MAR

## Post-Office Not

**MAILS AT THE "BEH" The Overseas Packet, A.D. 1868, dispatched with the Europe, &c., on Wed. 25th Mar., at 7 A.M., will be open for the many Letters, Letters Newspapers, Books, &c., on the 24th Mar.: Let posted in the night before the 24th Mar. until 6 P.M. on the 24th Mar. All letters posted between the 25th Mar. will be in addition to the usual Late Fee of 18 cents. The latest time for posting Office is 6 A.M. on Books, or Patterns 5 Mar. Further, late letters (but dressed to the United States or to Singapore) posted on board the ship to 6.30 A.M. on pay of 48 cents each, in postage, after which no letters are received. Scaled Boxes containing the of Box Holders will be window set apart for the East Side of the building. All correspondence for place payment is compulsory in Hongkong Postage Insufficient hand-letters sent to the United Kingdom, charged with a fine of addition to the postage. Letters posted after 5 A.M. will not be forwarded. Fee as with the postage. Letters insufficiently stamped addressed to places to be not forwarded unpaid and returned to the sender, but no goods, such as Letters, 9 A.M. on the 24th Mar. ed until after the mail. Postage Stamps should be upper right hand corner, postage, except in case may be used in payment when the Stamp or Stamp the late fee should be lower left-hand corner. All transactions in traditional far will be conducted in scribbled by Ordinance of the Postmaster General, 1864, and no other O thereon specified will either given in change as a of a Dollar. Payment for Postage Stamps in the current Dollar of Bank Notes. F. W. M. Postmaster General Post Office, Hongkong, March 12, 1868.**

**Intimation**  
Navy Contracts, SEALED TENDERS must be outside "Tender for Biscuits" by the undersigned Noon on SATURDAY, for the supply of Water to the Navy Service, from the 1st to 31st March 1868, viz:—  
Biscuits, per lb., ..... Eng.  
Soft Bread, per lb., .....  
Conditions of contract can further particulars obtained at this Office.  
A. H. P. Naval & Victualling Hongkong, Victualling Yard, 5th March, 1868.

Navy Contracts, SEALED TENDERS must be outside "Tender for Biscuits" by the undersigned Noon on SATURDAY, for the supply of the following Articles for the use of the Victualling Yard, from the 1st April 1868, viz:—  
Fresh Beef, per lb., Eng.  
" Vegetables, " "  
Sugar, " "  
Tea, " "  
Raisins, " "  
Rice, " "  
Salt, " "  
Oil, " "  
Firewood, " "  
Conditions of Contract can further particulars obtained at this Office.  
A. H. P. Naval & Victualling Hongkong, March 5, 1868.

WILLINGWORTH & Co., have below the Honokaka and Oahu are prepared to do all kinds of ENGINE AND BOILER WORK, and SHEPHERD'S WORK of any description. They have also erected a FOC the Premises, and are prepared all kinds of IRON AND BRASS CAST and hope that by a strict attention to business and moderate charges, a share of the public patronage. Hongkong, August 22, 1867.

C. L. VOLK



**For Sale.**

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**DIETETIC BARI**, the new DIET, so highly recommended, by the Faculty to those suffering from derangement of the Digestive Organs. Can be procured from  
**GEO. GLASSE,**  
**The Victoria Dispensary**  
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

**FOR SALE.**

**20,000** CUBIC FEET MANILA TIMBER, to arrive per French Barque "**MARIA MORTON.**"  
Apply to **REYNVAAN BROTHERS & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

**FOR SALE.**

**CHAMPAGNE** in quarts and pints.  
Due de Montebello.  
Eugene Cliequot.  
De St. Marceaux & Co.  
**HESSE & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 17, 1868.

**STEAM COALS.**

**ENGLISH**—Londonerry Ward, Harkley,  
L. Davison's—West Hartley, Straker,  
West Hartley.  
**WELSH**—Blangware Marthyr.  
Apply to **ROB. S. WALKER & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 10, 1868.

**FOR SALE.**

**ULES MUMM & Co's CHAMPAGNE.**  
MUMM & Co's **HOCK & MOSELLE,**  
qts. and pta.  
Chillingworth's **SHERRY** and **PORT.**  
**CHAMPERTIN, WHISKY.**  
**WHITE & PRICE'S BRANDY.**  
ASCHOFF's **ALIE,** draught and bottle.  
**BARCLAY & GUNNESS'S STOUT.**  
**BRIDGES & ROSE'S PORTER.**  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.  
Hongkong November 20, 1867.

**FOR SALE.**

**THE** Property known as **ALMACK PLACE** having a Frontage of Eighty-three feet  
**WELLINGTON** and **GAGE** Streets, and of  
two Hundred and Twenty-nine feet on **ABERN-  
CROMBY STREET,** comprising a superficial area  
of about 19,000 Square feet. Annual Ground  
rent, £42.12.6.  
For further particulars, apply to,  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 24, 1864.

**FOR SALE.**

**CHAMPAGNE,** Adolphe Colline, and  
L. Jauray & Co's Association Vins-  
cuis.  
**CLARET,** real Chateau Margaux.  
Haut Bages.  
L. Espere Duroc.  
**BRANDY,** Hennessy's and Mariet's in  
1 dozen cases.  
**BEEF** and **PORTER** in bottle.  
**BUTTER** (Platts) in cags.  
Also  
A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow  
Metal, 20/28 oz. with NAILS.  
Apply to  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

**CHAMPAGNE.**

**OEDEKER, CARTE NOIRE.**  
The only Champagne awarded the  
Gold of the First Class at the Paris Exhi-  
sition, 1867.  
Apply to  
**SANDER & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 27, 1868.

**FOR SALE.**

**FEW** cases of very superior **SHERRY**,  
just received ex "**Channel Queen.**"  
A Superior Amontillado **SHERRY**  
in 3 doz. cases.  
S Superior Oloroso **SHERRY** in 3  
doz. cases.  
S Extra Superfine **SHERRY** in 2  
doz. cases.  
S Quarter-casks (cased) Superior  
Oloroso **SHERRY.**  
Apply to  
**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 27, 1868.

**CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES**

BY

**LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.**  
**CHRISTMAS** and Wedding **CAKES.**  
Lemon, Orange, Vanilla, Ratafia &c.,  
**BISCUITS.**  
Crown and Rimmel's **ROSE WATER**  
**CRACKERS.**  
Presentation Boxes of **BONBONS.**  
**CEMEAT. CAVIARE.**  
New Figs & Bloom **MUSCATELS.**  
Chocolate **BONBONS,** Carlsbad **WATERS.**  
Best **ABRICOTS,** Assorted Dessert  
**FRUITS.**  
In as in **GRAVY,** Truffled **CHICKENS.**  
Dressed **ORTOYANS,** Potted **SVERN SALMON.**  
In **OX** and Reindeer's **TONGUES** in  
Jelly.  
Tins **TREE,** and  
Tins **TREE ORNAMENTS.**  
**TELESCOPES, GRAPHOSCOPES.**  
Optic Transparent **VIEWS.**  
Italian **CALENDARS,** Novel **DICE** and  
**COUGE ET NOIR.**  
**ROIDS, THERMOMETERS,** Astro-  
nomical **TELESCOPE,** Courier **BAGS,**  
Writing **CASES.**  
Figures, Meerschaum **PIPES,**  
and Cigar **CASES.**  
Hongkong, December 9, 1867. tf

**THE STAG HOTEL STORES,**  
NO. 110, QUEEN'S ROAD,  
JUST Landed.  
Es THE TV EED.  
KLES, JAMS, SALT,  
VINEGAR, CURRANTS,  
RASPS, Raspberry VINEGAR,  
MUSTARD,  
SUGAR, BLACKING,  
BRANDY,  
THE OLD TOM.  
MAGNAN in pint.  
Harder Loaf CHEESE.  
NEW YORK KAS.  
EDMUND HOLMES.  
Hongkong, January 9, 1868.

**JUST LANDED.**

Es P. M. Steamer "**CHINA.**"  
MILLED MAIZE MEAL in kits.  
**SALMON**  
Red BEEF  
in **CIDER** in 1 dozen cases.  
in 10 lb. tins.  
**MEAL.**  
Red BEEF  
in **CIDER** in 1 dozen cases.  
in 10 lb. tins.  
**MEAL.**



## Notices to Consignees.

**BRITISH SHIP "ELIZA,"** from CALCUTTA.  
THE above vessel having arrived in the harbour and being now ready to discharge, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for Counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their cargo.  
Any cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will, in terms of Charter Party, be landed and stored, as it comes to hand, at the Consignees' risk and expense.  
OLYFANT & Co.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1868.

**"MERCHANTMAN" FROM CALCUTTA.**  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored by the Underigned at Consignees' risk and expense.  
The average hold is now lying for signature at the Office of the Underigned, Queen's Road, and Consignees are requested to sign the same as early as possible.  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 11, 1868. 10mar

**"BRITISH WILL,"** from LONDON.  
CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for Counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at the Consignees' risk and expense.  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 24, 1868.

**SHIP "CHINAMAN,"**  
THE above named vessel having arrived in Harbour, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for Counter-signature and take immediate delivery of their goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at owners' risk and expense.  
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, March 3, 1868.

**"VIRGIN DEL CARMEN,"** from MANILA.  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, will please send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of their goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees.  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, December 10, 1867.

THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.  
Ex "Tigre," 5th December, 1867.  
1 Basket Feathers.  
1 Case Paper.  
Ex "Donnai," 7th January, 1868.  
531  
Ex "Cambridge," 3rd February, de Granoey.  
1 Case Boots.  
Ex "Hoogly," 7th March.  
19 pigs, Sundries.  
2 boxes Feathers.  
1 c. Samples Cloth.  
This de Carama.  
1 Trunk.  
O. BRETTARD, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

WE have this day established ourselves as GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS under the Style and Firm of B. S. BARNETT & Co.  
A. A. ROSENTHAL.  
B. S. BARNETT.  
Saigon, February 6, 1868. 17mar

NOTICE.  
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this port.  
J. C. SAUNDERS.  
Marine Surveyor.  
Foohow, August 1, 1867. 17

NOTICE.  
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DUNN, Esq., at Foohow will be conducted by the Underigned.  
J. C. SAUNDERS.  
Chop Min.  
Pagoda Anchorage.  
Foohow.  
Foohow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. A. SWANSON in our Firm ceased yesterday by lapse of time.  
BOYD & Co.  
Amoy, January 1, 1868. 1ap

NOTICE.  
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD PARKER & Co.  
GIFFORD PARKER.  
Saigon, December 30, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. C. VAN OORD in our firm ceased on the 1st January, 1868.  
ROSMAN & Co.  
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

Have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of W. C. VAN OORD (Sd).  
W. C. VAN OORD.  
Yokohama, October 24, 1867. 17

NOTICE.  
MR RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.  
GLOVER & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.  
MR J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.  
RUSSELL & Co.  
China, February 13, 1868.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
MR THOMAS PYKE has this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. C. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th September last.  
The Business will in future be carried on by Mr. Z. BARTON, under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.  
JAMESON & BARTON.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 2ap

NOTICE.  
MR SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.  
DEACON & Co.  
CANTON, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MITCHELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.  
A. FERGUSON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.  
FROM and after this date Mr GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.  
S. L. PHELPS.  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

NOTICE.  
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. FERGUSON in our Firm ceased on the 1st day of November, 1867.  
A. FERGUSON & Co.

THE Business will be henceforth carried on under the same Name by the Underigned.  
A. D. MITCHELL.  
J. D. MEYERS.  
HENRY FEHR.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1867. 16-16-68

NOTICE.  
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or Firm of J. S. HOOK, Esq. & Co.  
J. S. HOOK.  
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.  
AS my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.  
MARY HASTLOW RANDLE.  
Superintendent.  
Diocesan School.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16my

NOTICE.  
MR SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.  
DEACON & Co.  
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
WE have authorized Mr CLARE BODDE to sign our Firm from this date.  
DREYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.  
MR JOHN HOW CHIVERTON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.  
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY  
AND  
FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

THE UNIVERSAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF CALCUTTA.  
ESTABLISHED 1834.  
Subscribed Capital, £500,000.  
Accumulated Funds exceed £300,000.

THE Underigned are empowered to accept LIFE ASSURANCES in the above Society. Full particulars given on application.  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 21, 1868. 21ag

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
THE Underigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.  
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

## Auctions.

BOWRA & Co. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, on  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
18th March, 1868, at 11 A.M.,—  
A quantity of Handsome SILVER PLATE, consisting of: Tea and Coffee Pots, Egg Stands, Toast Racks, Cruet Stands, Liqueur Stands, Spoons, and Forks, Beer Mugs, Etc., Etc.  
A quantity of ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, and an assortment of JEWELLERY and WATCHES.  
Also,  
A few ARTICLES of Furniture, Choice WINES, including some First Rate CLARET, CHAMPAGNE and MARASCHINO.  
Etc., Etc., Etc.  
TERMS of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1868. 18mar

**TUESDAY,**  
the 17th March, 1868, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road Central, —  
10 pieces 6/4 all wool fancy Coatings, 5 pieces 6/4 Witneys, 10 pieces White Flannels, 10 pieces Scarlet Flannels, 10 pieces Light Blue Medium Cloth, 20 doz. Crimean Shirts, 15 cases Saloon Match, 50 pounds Coconut Oil, 50 pounds Nutmegs, 5 cases Muskets, 30 English-made Revolvers, 2 cases Lefauchaux Cartridges.  
An Invoice of Electro-plated Crust Stands, Table and Bed Room Candelabras and Shades, Etc., Etc.  
5 bbls. Washing Soda, 300 dozen assorted Colors Glass Plates, 100 red cases Gin, 50 cases Old Tons, 50 cases India Pale Ale, 40 cases Stout in quarts and pints, 35 cases Martell's Brandy, 5 cases Wilts Cheese, 5 cases Rum, 200 dozen White Cotton Socks, 400 dozen Children's Socks, 50 dozen Umbrella Frames, 5 cases assorted Toilet Soaps, 50 drums boiled and raw Linned Oil, 2 bales Sewing Twine, and other GOODS.  
TERMS of SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1868. 17mar

**THURSDAY,**  
19th March, 1868, at Noon, —  
The Elegant Household FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing Room, Dining Room and Bed Room Suites.  
Handsomely Carved Bombay Wood Couches, covered with Green Tapestry, Marble Top Centre and Side Tables, Chairs in Green Tapestry and Morocco, Splendid Chandeliers, Lamps, and Mirrors, collection of Fine Engravings, a Sweet-toned Cottage Pianoforte, Silver and Electro-plated Services, Handsome Dinner and Dessert Services, Pier Glasses, Book Cases, Wardrobes, Etc., Etc., Etc.  
Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture may be viewed on Wednesday, 18th instant.  
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THE Underigned beg to inform Masters of vessels bound to this port, that they have always a large Stock of CANVAS, EUROPEAN ROPE, TWINE, and other Shipbuilders' Stores, as well as Salt Provisions continually on hand, which they are able to dispose of, at reasonable rates as they can be purchased at in any of the China Ports.  
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## Auctions.

BOWRA & Co. will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their Rooms, on  
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18th March, 1868, at 11 A.M.,—  
A quantity of Handsome SILVER PLATE, consisting of: Tea and Coffee Pots, Egg Stands, Toast Racks, Cruet Stands, Liqueur Stands, Spoons, and Forks, Beer Mugs, Etc., Etc.  
A quantity of ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, and an assortment of JEWELLERY and WATCHES.  
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ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON.  
(From "Celtic Myths of the Middle Ages,"  
By R. B. Cunningham, M.A.)

The legend, as told by Vergil, is this:—  
"George, a tribune, was born in Cappadocia, and came to Lybia, to the town called Silene, near which was a pond infested by a monster, which had many times driven back an armed host that had come to destroy him. The monster approached the walls of the city, and with his exhalations poisoned all who were near. To avoid such visits he was furnished each day with two sheep, to satisfy his voracity. If these were not given, he attacked the walls of the town that his venomous breath infected the air and many of the inhabitants died. He was supplied with sheep, and he was exhausted, and it was impossible to procure the necessary number. Then the citizens held council, and it was decided that each day a man and a beast should be offered, so that at last they gave up their children, sons and daughters, and none were spared. The lot fell one day on the prince. The monster, however, attacked in exchange for her his gold, silver, and half his realm, only desiring to save his daughter from this frightful death. But the people insisted on the sacrifice of the maiden, and the poor father could obtain no delay of eight days, in which to bewail the fate of the daughter. At the expiration of this time, the people returned to the palace, and said, 'Why do you sacrifice your subjects for your daughter? We are all dying before the breath of this monster!' The king felt that he must resolve on parting with his child. He covered her with royal robes, and she went to the monster. The monster, however, did not devour her, but asked the cause of her tears. She replied, 'Good youth, kindly mount your horse and fly, lest you perish with me.' But George said to her, 'Do not fear; tell me what you await, and why all this multitude look on.' She answered, 'I see that you have a great and noble heart; fly, fly! I shall not go without knowing the cause.' He replied, 'Then she explained all to him; whereupon he exclaimed, 'Fear nothing! In the name of Jesus Christ, I will assist you. Brave knight!' said she; 'do not seek to die with me; enough that I should perish for you; can neither assist nor deliver me, and you will only die with me.' At this moment the monster rose above the surface of the water. And the virgin said, all trembling, 'Fly, fly, sir knight!' His only answer was the sign of the cross. Then he advanced to meet the monster, recommending himself to God. He brandished his lance with such force that he transfixed it, and cast it to the ground. Then, addressing the princess, he bade her pass his circle round it, and fear nothing. When this was done, the monster followed like a doleful hound. When they had brought it into the town, the people did before it; but George recoiled then, bidding them put aside all fear, for the Lord had sent him to deliver them from the dragon. Then the king and all his people, twenty thousand men, without counting women and children, were baptized, and George smote off the head of the monster. (Other versions of the story are the effect that the princess was shut up in a castle, and that all within were perishing for want of water, which could only be obtained from a fountain at the base of a hill, and this was guarded by the 'laidly worm,' from which George delivered them.)

"The hero won his well-earned place  
Amid the saints, in death's dread hour;  
And still the peasant seeks his grace,  
And next to God, reveres his power."

In many a church his form is seen  
With sword, and shield, and helmet keen;  
Ye know him by his steed of pride,  
And by the dragon at his side.

OUR SCOTSMAN.

The same story has attached itself to other saints and heroes of the middle ages, as St. Secundus of Asti, St. Victor, Goss of Rhodes, Raimond of St. Sulpice, Struth von Walsleben, the Count of Ayrone, Moor of Moorhall, "who slew the dragon of Wantley," Conyers of Sockburn, and the Knight of Lambton, "John that slew the Worms." Aristotle adopted it into his Orlando Furioso, and made his hero deliver Angelica from Orcus, in the true mystic style of George; and it appears again in the tale of Oberon. The cause of the legend attaching itself to our hero was possibly a misunderstanding of an ancient monument, which was the cause of the legend, which concludes that nothing would stop the rearmament of the gods except the exposure of the king's daughter, Andromeda, on a rock, to be devoured by the monster. At the moment that the dragon approached the maiden, Perseus appeared, and slaying her, engaged the monster and slew him. The scene of this conflict was near Joppa, where, in the days of St. Jerome, the bones of the huge reptile were exhibited, and Josephus pretends to have seen there the chains which attached the princess to the rock. It was at Berytus (Beirut) that the fight of St. George with the dragon took place. Similar stories were prevalent in Greece. In the tale of Salamis, Cleonarch, son of Poseidon, relieved the inhabitants from the scourge of a similar monster, who devastated the island. At Thebes a dragon ravaged the country round the city; Zeus ordered the inhabitants to give the monster their children, on pain of death. One year it fell on Cleonarch, who determined to save him. He armed himself with a suit covered with scales, and was devoured by the dragon, which perished in killing him. Phercydes

killed a great serpent in Carthage, an adventure afterwards related of Pythagoras, with the scene shifted to Syria; and Heracles, as is well known, slew Hydra. But these are all various echoes of the principal myth of Apollo and Python. The monster Python was sent by Athena to persecute Lela, when pregnant. Apollo, the moment that he was born, attacked the hideous beast, and pierced him with his arrows. And from the place where the serpent died there burst forth a torrent. A similar myth is found among the Scandinavians and Teutonic nations. In these northern mythologies Apollo is replaced by Sigurd, Sigfried, and Beowulf. The dragon with which Sigurd fights is Fenrir who keeps guard over a treasure of gold. Sigfried, in like manner, in the Nibelungen Lied, fights and overcomes a mighty dragon, and deposits him of a vast treasure. The Anglo-Saxon poem of Beowulf contains a similar engagement. A monster, Grendel, haunts a marsh near a town on the North Sea. At night the evil spirit rises from the swamp, and flies to the mountains, attacking the armed men, and slaying them. Beowulf awakes, fights him, and puts him to flight. But next night Grendel again attacks him, and is killed by the hero with an enchanted sword. He fights a dragon some years later, and robs it of an incalculable store of gold. The Icelandic Sagas tell similar stories; and they abound in all European household tales. In the Kigveda we have the same story. Indra fights with the hideous serpent Ahi, or Vritra, who keeps guard over the fountain of rains. In Iranian mythology the same battle is waged between Mithra and the demon Ahura. It seems, then, that the fight with the dragon is a myth common to all Aryan peoples. Its significance is this:—The maiden which the dragon attempts to devour is the earth. The monster is the storm-cloud. The hero who fights it is the sun, with his glorious sword, the lightning-flash. By his victory the earth is relieved from her peril. The fable has been varied to suit the atmospheric peculiarities of different climes in which the Aryans found themselves. In India, Vritra is coiled about the source of water, and the earth is perishing for want of rain, till pierced by the sword of Indra, when the streams descend. "I will sing," says the Rigveda, "the ancient exploits by which flashing Indra is distinguished. He has struck Ahi; he has scattered the waters on the earth; he has unlocked the torrents of the heavenly mountains, (i.e., the clouds). He has struck Ahi, who lurked in the bosom of the celestial mountain; he has struck him with that sounding weapon wrought for him by Tvastar; and the waters, like cattle rushing to their stable, have gushed down on the earth." And again,—"O Indra, thou hast killed the violent Ahi, who withheld the waters!" "O Indra, thou hast struck Ahi, sleeping guardian of the waters, and thou hast precipitated them into the sea; thou hast pierced the compact scale of the cloud; thou hast given vent to the streams, which burst forth on all sides. Among the ancient Indians the same myth prevailed, but was sublimated into a conflict between good and evil. In northern mythology, the serpent is probably the winter cloud, which breeds over and keeps from the gold of the sun's light and heat, till in the spring the bright orb overcomes the powers of darkness and tempest, and scatters his gold over the face of the earth. In the ancient Sagas of Iceland the myth has assumed a very peculiar form, which, if it would have been introduced into the Bible, would have followed out the hero's descent into a tomb, where he fights a vampire, who possesses of a glorious sword, and much gold and silver. After a desperate struggle, the hero overcomes, and rises with the treasures to the surface of the earth. "This, too, represents the sun in the northern realms, descend into the tomb of winter, and there overcoming the power of darkness, from whom he takes the sword of the lightning, and the treasures of fertility, wherewith the earth is blessed on the return of the sun to the skies in summer."

THE HIGHLANDERS OF '45 AND THE FENIANS OF '68.  
(London Scotsman, Jan. 11.)

It is a favourite topic with many of our modern journals to compare the state of disaffection in Ireland now with the condition of Scotland at the time of the last great rebellion; and to argue that the spirit of disaffection has been completely eradicated out of the one country, so a patient continuance in the same conciliatory conduct will produce equally beneficial results in the other. We are told not to be impatient, because sixty years and more of union have not thoroughly welded Ireland into the system of the United Kingdom, because it took more than forty years of the same process to accomplish the work in Scotland; but we are connected with the fact, that the task before us, the analogy of the process in the one country is the sure pledge of the success of the process in the other.

With the general merits of this reasoning we have no quarrel. We have unbounded faith in the healing virtues of pacification, steady justice, and unwearied patience in assuaging party strife and knitting together national divergences. The argument we believe to be sound, but to the illustration we altogether demur. There is no analogy between the Scotch rebellion of 1345 and the Fenian disaffection of the present moment. That there was disorder in Scotland then, and that there is disorder in Ireland now, is all that can be affirmed of similarity between the two epochs. But the ground of the Scottish discontent proceeded altogether from a different root to that of the present Irish disaffection. There was no hatred to England as such, nor was the insurrection raised against the principle of the Union. The great quarrel with the Union in the minds of the people was that it did not give the Scottish people fair play. They had no wish to separate themselves from England. George II. and his Ministers were not more anxious to maintain his dominion over Scotland than Charles Edward and his partisans were to extend his sway over England. It was a struggle of dynasties—not of nations. We should not think any man or party morally wrong who avowed their preference for a Republic over a Monarchy. So much we are willing to allow the Fenians; and to admit that they may be as much right in taking up

arms for the abstract idea of a Republic as there was in fighting for that very concrete substance—the Pretender. In each case we believe that both parties laboured, to say the least, under a terrible delusion; but the delusion in the one case may be as respectable as the other, always supposing that in both, the ideas of order and settled Government are sacredly upheld. But the Scotch insurgents prepared their rising with proclamations setting forth the objects for which they had taken up arms, and pledging themselves that under their rule liberty, property, and order would be secure. Policy, it may be said, urged them to do this! True, it did so. But does not the same policy counsel the same conduct to the Fenians? And yet to this hour we have had no exposition put forward of their designs, of the principles by which they are actuated, of the maxims of government they mean to adopt. All that we know of them in England is comprised in three words—conspiracy, incendiarism, murder.

We pass lightly over another marked point of difference—that the Highlanders of the field of battle, while the Fenians of to-day are lavish of everything but their own lives; because this, in fact, is connected with another—that the Highlanders in their rebellion followed their chiefs and not their leaders, while the Fenians do not appear to have any leader whatever. There is not a man of mark or condition in their own country that has identified himself with them.

Fenianism is not native to the soil. It is of foreign importation, and as yet has taken no root. If it had, we may be sure that some, at least, of the country would have adopted it. As it is, the utmost to some disaffected persons, is to use the Fenians as a weapon to obtain redress of their own grievances. So far as these grievances are known, we trust the Government will remove them, and thus take from them their only excuse for tampering with disloyalty. But let neither the Government nor Parliament be deluded into the notion that the state of Ireland now is akin to the state of Scotland 120 years ago, and that the disaffection is to be cured by the same means.

## EXTRAORDINARY SCENE IN AN IRISH COURT.

At the Autumn Quarter Sessions, on Saturday, before Mr. J. H. O'Connell, Q.C., chairman of the county, William Hughes was indicted for having, on the 27th November last, at Randalstown, assaulted Patrick Delaney, a sheriff's officer, and rescued from his possession a number of articles. The case having been heard, the jury retired. After about twenty minutes' consultation they returned into court, and the foreman handed to the clerk the issue paper containing the verdict.

Clerk of the Court.—Gentlemen, you say that Wm. Hughes is not guilty of assaulting Patrick Delaney, a sheriff's officer, and of rescuing from his possession a number of articles. Foreman.—Yes. His Worship (with surprise).—What's that you say? Foreman.—There were discrepancies in the evidence. His Worship.—Tut, tut, nonsense! You may retire. Stop! (Opening a large law book.) I don't know how to deal with that verdict. It is a perfect wonder. [The jury were then moving as if to leave the box.]

His Worship (with much emphasis).—Don't go away, gentlemen. (To the foreman.)—What new matter came before your empanelment after you retired that made you return that verdict? Did you consider all the evidence?

Foreman.—Yes, we did. His Worship.—When we looked at the evidence given before the magistrates, and the evidence admitted yesterday by the man Delaney, we found that discrepancies existed.

His Worship.—Did you consider Cassidy's evidence? Foreman.—Yes, we did.

His Worship.—I have power, when I find a jury have, through mistaking the evidence or partially, returned a verdict repugnant to justice, to order the jury to retire again and to reconsider the verdict, and to amend it. That is my constitutional privilege and power. I don't know whether I shall exercise that power or not. It is certainly a very great stretch of authority in the court. There is no question at all of my right—no question of my power. At the same time I think I will not exercise my power in this case. I will allow you to go, gentlemen. I will allow the verdict you have returned to be recorded, and I will tell you that I received a verdict from a jury in my life with which I was as thoroughly dissatisfied. (To the accused).—Stand up, sir! The jury—I can hardly call them so—the twelve men who were sworn to try your case have acquitted you! I do not believe a more guilty man ever stood in the dock than you. However, I will take the verdict—a verdict which may have done more to hinder the administration of justice in this court, and to limit the value of its jurisdiction, than any verdict that was ever given. I believe you that I will take the verdict, believing you, notwithstanding that the jury have acquitted you, as guilty a man as ever stood in that dock; and also fearing that the result of this case may be most prejudicial to the very men who have thought fit to acquit you. You are discharged. I believe the verdict to be partial, perverse and repugnant to justice. (To the jury).—Go away, gentlemen, and certainly never shall be a jury again, if I can help it. The jury then left the box.

## R. MANTON'S MARRIAGE.

The Baron Henry Van der Meer, who is connected with one of the most aristocratic and wealthy families of Belgium, we it to Washington a few years ago as secretary of legation. He is a gentleman about thirty years of age, tall and commanding in appearance, and an ardent lover of poetry and music. About six months after his arrival he happened to pay a visit to the Treasury Department, and in the course of his inspection of the financial machinery, he became interested with the beauty of Miss Camille Webb. This lady was a clerk in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency. She was born in the southern part of Virginia, and was in comparatively poor circumstances. The Baron effected an introduction to Miss Webb, and considerable intimacy followed. About a year ago he returned to Europe, and travelled extensively over the Continent. He, however, returned to Washington, impelled by a desire to express his attachment to Miss Webb. Accordingly, on a very recent morning, the wealthy and aristocratic Baron, accompanied by his intended bride, Miss Webb, and attended by a party of intimate friends, proceeded to the Catholic

Church of St. Aloysius and had the nuptial ceremony performed. The Baron is a Catholic, and his wife an Episcopalian. Two days later the Episcopal ceremony of marriage was completed, in presence of a select and fashionable congregation. The bride, who is about twenty years of age, was dressed in pearl-coloured silk, and with her wealth of golden tresses, bright blonde complexion, and delicately-chiselled features, created no small degree of admiration. Among those present on the occasion were Baron Stockell, Russian Minister; Mr. Carrotti, Italian Minister; Baron Grolsch and Baron Kussnerow, of the Prussian Embassy; Miss Bobb, Miss Anderson, and Miss Mary Webb, sister of the bride. Mr. Maurice Delosse, the Belgian Minister, and Mr. Cantagalli, Secretary of the Italian Legation, acted as groomsmen. In the evening they left for New York, and the happy pair have just arrived in Belgium. (Lancet Paper.)

## A PLEA FOR MATRIMONY.

The Morning Post publishes the apparent disinclination of young men to marry. A reasonable Englishman can always earn his own livelihood, and it is mere ignorance of household economy to suppose that he cannot keep a wife. A small and well-ordered house is always much cheaper than lodgings; and a young man who will not marry because he cannot keep two people will find that by remaining single he is forced to contribute to the maintenance of many. Every item of his expense exceeds that of a married man. Food, rent, clothes, washing, cost him much more. As a question of prudence, therefore, and still more as a question of health and repose, a young man will do well to marry. A fireside and a book, with the companionship of a true-hearted and good woman, are infinitely more amusing than a riot at Cremorne and an interview with a magistrate, or even then to sit in the stalls of a little theatre and hear "captain Dromedary" sing for 300 nights together. The advantage does not stop here, and a good conscience and the very parents of great thought, and satisfied affections lead by a pleasant road to the great successes of our lives. But supposing a younger doesn't get married at all; what a wonderfully aged fellow he becomes at last! Your true old bachelor of the common type—for the exceptions are too rare to count—never knows when he has ceased to please; and a selfish youth, followed by a disreputable maid, passes into an old age unloved, unattended, unremembered, and too often ignominious.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

A VISIT TO THE MUMMIES.—An American, now travelling in Egypt, had the curiosity to enter a cave used as a sepulchre for mummies. "Imagines," he says, "a vaulted chamber 25 feet high, out in the heart of a large granite rock. In this apartment, dimly lighted by our two flickering tapers, filled to the roof, was a countless pile-up of mass of uncoloured mummies. There they lay, in all shapes and postures. Time had burst the ties binding ligaments of some, and their bony arms and feeble fingers seemed struggling in from the mass, as if to hold off the disturbers of their slumbers. Some were placed upright against the walls and in the weird shadows of the candle's light, their features twisted and moved, and their long-sealed lips seemed opening to denounce us. Our Arab guide drew a long knife from his sheath in his arm, and commenced cutting and tearing off the wrappings in several of the mummies, and as his naked fingers sank among the dry bones and his swarthy arms tossed about the bodies, he looked like some hideous vampire at his nightly meal. The air was very bad, and I was about to beat a retreat, when suddenly a thought flashed across my mind that almost froze my blood with horror. I am not a coward, but for a moment my heart stood still. The cave was filled with 1,000 mummies, and the dryest finger and smelt in bitumen, each one wrapped in many folds of mummy cloth, as inflammable as cotton. A single spark from one of the candles would have spread like wild fire, and no power on earth could have saved us from a fearful death. We would have been roasted alive in five minutes. I remarked this to Harry; he saw it instantly, and yelled to the guide to be careful of the light, while I started for the opening. On I went, through the narrow passage, tearing my knees and my hands against sharp stones, shudderingly expecting each moment to lay my hands upon the slimy coils of a serpent in the dark, and every now and then sticking fast and feeling (in imagination) the scorching breath of the fire fiend on my back. At last I reached the hold and was drawn up, very glad to breathe the pure air and feel the warm sun again."

"I am tempted," says Lord Biden, "Justice Goddard tried to get out of the hole he had procured for himself, but he was observed. 'Here are only eleven juries in the bar, where is the twelfth?' 'Please you, my lord,' said one of the eleven, 'he has gone away about some other business, but he left his verdict with me!'"

What word is it in the marriage service which, if one letter of it was changed, thousands of single persons would rush into matrimony, and thousands of married people become single? The word is into life, which is the most important word in the service, and which, if changed, would be as long as they both do live.

As an original expression of heavy grief, we doubt if any more touching has been read than the following, of a crushed heart in Star City, Nevada. Mrs. E., of that place, an eccentric old lady, recently rushed into the room of a relative, and without waiting for the usual salutations, said, 'Well, John's dead.' (Her husband.) 'Dead! Is it possible?' 'Yes; dead! I died last night! I want you all to come to the funeral. The Masons and Odd Fellows are going to turn out, and we shall have a beautiful time.' Deaths are of rare occurrence in the settlement, and of course everybody went to the funeral. Next day somebody remarked to the old lady that there was a large turn-out. 'Yes indeed, there was,' she replied; 'but I didn't enjoy myself as well as I have at some funerals, the horses cut up so.'"

MILITARY CHANGES.—We hear from Secunderabad, that besides losing Sir Richard Temple, the society of that large station are about to lose their popular commanding officer, as Brigadier General G. T. Grant, C.B., is about to leave the country. The General came out to this country with his regiment, the 16th Royal Lancers, in 1867, and shortly afterwards, on being appointed to the Brigade Staff by Sir H. Grant, then Commander-in-Chief, was appointed to Secunderabad. The General has seen much service, having served with the 94th

Regiment in China, and commanded it throughout the Crimean campaign. Rumour has it that General De Samarez, commanding the Northern District of the Madras Army, will succeed General Grant at Secunderabad, which will bring Colonel Blake, late of the 47th Madras N. L., to the staff of the army.—Bombay Gazette, January 20.

We (United Service Gazette) are informed that, on board H.M.S. Royal Oak, during the late commission, were a number of men members of a sect known as Germanites, who "never attended divine service, were in direct opposition to the teaching of the chaplain, and termed themselves 'non-fighting men.'" One of our correspondents says—"I must tell you this class of men never or very seldom misbehaved themselves on board, always obeyed the pipe, and were slow workers; but my firm belief is that they are as dangerous a class of men as ever entered a ship, private or public." Some of the ten years' men of this sect, on claiming their discharge, were asked why they wished to leave the service, and replied, "For the love of the Lord and liberty." "There are a number of these non-fighting men in the Mediterranean fleet at the present time."

A SCANDAL CONFESSED.—A great scandal has been caused in one of the communities in the neighbourhood of Paris by two young fellows, one of whom entered the box of the confessing priest while the other went through a farce of a confession. Soon a veiled lady approached, and the young man who was on his knees hurried away. She immediately took his place and made her confession to the supposed priest, who proved to be the man to whom she was engaged to be married, and who, hearing some disagreeable disclosures, walked from the box in a rage and repudiated her. There was, of course, a scene, and a process verbal has been drawn up against the sham confessor for causing a scandal in a church, and outraging the practice of religion.

The Warsaw official Dziennik publishes a notice, in which the "Kingdom of Poland" is no longer accorded the name it has held so long, but designated as the "Polish Province."

Mr. Charles Halsey died at Hartford on the nineteenth of November in the seventy-third year of his age. Two generations of school boys have decried Halsey's "Marco Bozaris," the poem which he is best known. William U. Bryant and Fitz Greene Hall were linked with the rugged hills of fame together, and through forty years each has maintained his eminence.

## HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Saturday, March 14th, 1888.  
At 1400 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

THESE MUST BE CONSIDERED EXTREME RATES.

	Price.	Weight.	Value.
Butcher Meat.			
Beef Steak, catty	224	100	
" Lamb, "	224	100	
" Soup, "	140	100	
" Bullocks' Brains, per set	70	60	
" Tongue, "	320	300	
" Heart, "	190	160	
" Tail, each	170	100	
" Feet, "	70	50	
" Tripe (undressed), 6ty	84	77	
" Liver, "	84	77	
Pork, Lbs.	210	182	
" Chop, "	210	182	
" Fat for Lard, "	210	182	
Pigs' Fry, "	180	170	
" Chilling, "	93	80	
" Feet, "	140	120	
" Head, "	140	120	
" Liver, "	140	120	
Mutton Leg, lb.	420	360	
" Chop, "	420	360	
" Shoulder, "	300	290	
Mutton Liver, "	160	120	
Sucking Pigs, "	250	200	
Calves' Head and Feet, set	500	500	
Sheeps' Head and Feet, set	500	500	
Bacon, English, lb.	420	420	
" Fuchuan, "	330	280	
Hams, Chinese, "	280	200	
" American, "	480	420	
" English, "	480	420	
Kidneys, Butchers, each	60	60	
" Pigs, "	60	60	
" Sheep, "	90	80	
Sheeps' Heart, "	90	80	
Pigs' Sausages, catty	300	00	
Goats' Meat, "	—	—	
" Head and Feet set, "	—	—	

	Price.	Weight.	Value.
Poultry.			
Geese, catty	224	190	
Ducks, "	170	150	
Teal, "	250	200	
Turnkeys, catty	560	420	
Phasants, Cuck, each	1000	900	
" Hen, "	870	750	
Pigeons, "	240	220	
Quail, "	120	110	
Foals, catty	220	100	
Capon, "	280	160	
Hens Eggs, dozen	140	120	
Duck Eggs, "	140	120	
Salt Eggs, "	180	150	
Drilled Ducks, each	230	200	
Squid, "	150	150	
Lartridges, "	400	390	
Robbits, "	10-00	900	
Wild Geese, "	750	700	
Wild Ducks, "	600	500	
Sand Hill Birds, "	—	—	
Hill Snipe, "	—	—	
Sparrows, per doz.	—	—	
Kite Birds, "	—	—	
Wild Pigeons, each	160	140	

	Price.	Weight.	Value.
Fish.			
Live Fish, catty	180	140	
Kels, "	200	180	
Oysters, "	180	140	
Syrims, "	180	140	
Crabs, "	110	100	
Prawns, "	140	120	
Eobsters, catty	120	100	
Frags, "	270	180	
Small Turtles, "	240	200	
Large Turtles, "	—	—	
Large Fresh Fish, "	120	100	
Small do, "	100	90	
Macreri Small, "	80	70	
Concor Pals Small, "	40	30	
Salt Fish, catty	140	120	
Small Fish, "	70	60	
Fresh Soles, "	200	180	
Catton Salmon, "	140	110	

	Price.	Weight.	Value.
Rook Fish, catty	200	180	
Shark Fish, "	—	—	
Skate, "	140	120	
Turbot, "	140	120	
Gurnet, "	140	120	
Parrot Fish, "	160	140	
Snake, "	30	25	
Fresh Water Fish, "	140	120	
Suipie Fish, "	100	80	

## Vegetables.

	Price.	Weight.	Value.
Potatoes, Macao, catty	21	14	
" Japan, "	—	—	
" Californian, "	—	—	
" Sweet, "	20	15	
" New, "	—	—	
Yams, "	30	20	
Cocoa, "	30	20	
Turnip, Salt, "	30	20	
Carrots, Salt, "	50	40	
" Fresh, "	40	30	
Spinage, "	40	30	
Indian Corn, "	—	—	
Young Bamboo shoots, "	50	40	
Cabbage, Large Macao, each	150	100	
Cabbage, White Canton, catty	40	30	
Common, "	20	15	
Cauliflower, "	124	120	
Lettuce, small bun, catty	30	25	
Celery, "	30	25	
Parsley Chinese, "	30	24	
" English, "	50	40	
Beans, Broad, "	—	—	
" Long, "	—	—	
" French, "	60	50	
" Stringed, "	—	—	
Green Peas, in the Shell, "	60	40	
Tomatoes, "	80	70	
Asparagus, box	300	250	
Chilies, Dried, catty	250	200	
" Green, "	80	70	
Garlic, catty	50	40	
Ginger, "	—	—	
Curry Stuff, "	190	140	
Pumpkins, "	40	30	
Large Onions, Bombay, "	80	75	
Green Onions, bundle	40	30	
Shallots, catty	50	40	
Turnips, "	30	25	
Cucumbers, "	60	50	







## Miscellaneous.

## CONSULAR NOTIFICATION.

**BRITISH CONSULATE,**  
CANTON, March 9th, 1868.  
At the request of Sr. Don Manuel de Colarte, Her Catholic Majesty's Vice Consul at Canton, the undersigned has the honor to give notice that by a Royal Decree signed at Madrid on the 12th December last, the Merchandize, Implements, &c., set forth in the accompanying Schedules are now admitted free of all duty on importation in the Philippine Islands and the Island of Puerto Rico, as respectively specified in the Schedules. This abrogation of import duty is granted in respect of the flag under which the merchandize in question may be carried, as also of the locality whence it is exported.

W. FREDK. MAYERS,  
Vice Consul in charge.  
To the British Community, Canton.

## [Translation.]

**SCHEDULE I.**—Alimentary substances and agricultural implements declared duty free on importation into the Philippine Islands and the Island of Puerto Rico, in conformity with the terms of the Royal Decree dated this day.

- 1.—Oil (for alimentary use), packages included.
- 2.—Rice, packages included.
- 3.—Salted Cod.
- 4.—Meats, salted or smoked Beef, Mutton, or Pork, Hams, and Venison.
- 5.—Eggs.
- 6.—Grain, Vegetables and Seeds, such as Oats, Rye, Beans (*abuxes*), Maize, Lentils, and the like.
- 7.—Flour, of Wheat or other cereals, packages included.
- 8.—Fresh Vegetables, Garlic, Onions, Potatoes, and the like.
- 9.—Butter and Lard.
- 10.—Starch, for alimentary purposes.
- 11.—Fish, dried, salted, smoked, and in pickle or brine; and salted Sardines.
- 12.—Jerked Beef.
- 13.—Salt Pork and Bacon.
- 14.—Wheat.
- 15.—Live Stock.
- 16.—Cattle, Horses, Mules, Asses, Sheep, Oxen, Swine, and Caraboes (a kind of cattle).
- 17.—Trees, Plants and Seeds for plantations and seedling.
- 18.—Coal, mineral and vegetable.
- 19.—Live Fish.

Madrid, December 10th, 1867.

Approved by Her Majesty.

(Signed) MANUEL DE COLARTE.

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## Houses and Lands.

**TO LET.**  
THOSE centrally situated PREMISES in Peel Street close to the Queen's Road, known as the "Argo" Hotel containing 10 Rooms, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to  
THOS. W. BARRINGTON,  
53, Wyndham Street.  
Hongkong, March 3, 1868. 17mar

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THE upper portion of House No. 29, Queen's Road, lately occupied by Dr. Henderson, with godown, out-offices and stable &c.; immediate possession. Apply to  
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Hongkong, March 3, 1868. 17mar

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LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co  
Hongkong, 6th September, 1867.

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A SHOP, situated in the back part of the Queen's Road, with Show Cases and Fittings complete.  
N.B.—Two First Floor Rooms can be had with above, if required.  
Address "Z," care of Hongkong Dispensary.  
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THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise, in their own Boats, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Granite godowns, on Moderate Terms.  
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.  
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THE HOUSE No. 8 in Seymour Terrace, commanding a good view of the Harbour, contains 4 Rooms and Out Houses, now occupied by W. H. Armstrong, Esq. Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, March 2, 1868.

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THE OFFICE and GODOWN situated at the corner of Wellington and Aberdeen Streets, and at present in the occupation of Messrs ELMENHORST & SANDERS. For particulars, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.  
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

**TO LET.**  
NO. 3, PECHILI TERRACE, Elgin Street.  
Apply to  
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

**TO BE LET.**  
THE Dwelling HOUSE in the Albany at present occupied by Mr N. R. MASSON. Occupation can be had in a few weeks. Application can be made to Mr MASSON at the Albany.  
Hongkong, September 26, 1867.

**TO LET.**  
THE PREMISES situated at Pedder's Wharf, lately occupied by Messrs AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co. Possession can be taken on the 1st of January 1868. For further particulars, apply to  
THOS. HUNT & Co.  
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

## MEN-OF-WAR IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

Name.	Flag.	Rig.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.
Algerine,	British	gun-vessel	3	80	C. E. Donville, Lieut.
Achuelot,	U. States	sloop	10		Hatfield, Commander
Bouncer,	British	gun-boat	3	60	R. M. Lloyd, Lieut.
Drake,	British	gun-boat	3		C. Crowdy, Lieut.
Flamer,	British	naval hospital	—		Attached to Melville
Forester,	British	gun-boat	3	60	In Ordinary
Hardy,	British	gun-boat	3	60	In ordinary
Hartford,	U. States	corvette	21		Goldborough, Com.
Janus,	British	gun-boat	3	40	Keppel, Lieut.
Melville,	British	naval hospital	—		R. Burnard, D.M.L.G. &c.
Princess Charlotte	British	receiving ship	14		Commodore Oliver Jones
Rifleman	British	surveying ship	—		J. W. Reel
Rodney	British	steam line-of-b'tle	78		flag ship of Sir H. Koppell, [A. O. F. Henocoe, Capt. Rodriguez.
Sa de Bandoira	H. F. M.	steamer	13		Suttie, Commander
Salamis	British	gun-vessel	—		At Aberdeen Dock.
Tamar	British	Troop-ship	—		V. de Mantouren.
Unadilla	U. States	steamer	5	180	Harbor Tender to Comm.
Vencedora	Spanish	steamer	—		
Watchful	British	gun-boat	3	40	

## MEN-OF-WAR AT CANTON.

Name.	Flag.	Rig.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.
Cheng-tsing	Chinese	gun-boat	3		Bessard
Fee-loong	Chinese	gun-boat	5		Edwards
Hai-ching	Chinese	Customs' cruiser	4		Folsom

## VESSELS LOADING.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	Flag & Rig.	Consignee.	Intended Despatch.
CHINA & JAPAN PORTS—				
Tientsin	Apentrate	Pr. bk.	Wm. Pustau & Co	Early
LONDON	Monkchester	Br. bk.	Olyphant & Co	Early
Do.	Chia-see	Br. bk.	Deacon & Co	Early
SAN FRANCISCO	Chelsea	Br. bk.	Bosman & Co	Early
Do.	Liguria	Br. bk.	Reynvaan Bros. & Co	Early
Do.	Pavane	Br. bk.	Borneo Company	Early
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	Ocean	Br. bk.	Rosario & Co	Early
HONOLULU	China Packet	Hw. bk.	Wm. Pustau & Co	Early
SAIGON	Catharina	Da. bk.	B. Hubner & Co	Early
BANGKOK	Caroline	Pr. ar.	Bourjau, Hubner & Co	Early
SURINAM	M. Therese	Fr. bk.	Carlowitz & Co	Early

\* At Whampoa.

† At Canton.

## Shipping in Harbour.

## HONGKONG.

Consignees of Vessels will greatly oblige by forwarding corrections of errors in the following list.

Exclusives of To-day's Arrivals, Departures, and Clearances.

C. on Pedder's Wharf.—W.C. from Pedder's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—W., Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—E.C. on Pedder's Wharf to the Military Hospital.—E., Eastward of the Hospital.—K., on Kowloon side.

Vessel's Name and Where Anchored.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Intended Despatch.
<b>STEAMERS.</b>					<b>1857-58.</b>		
Azof	WC Johnson	Brit. str.	476	Feb.	5 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Behar	Perrins	Brit. str.	1630	March	10 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Earl King	W Pinol	Brit. str.	1,400	Mar.	11 A. Heard & Co		
Formosa	WC Hockin	Brit. str.	700	March	8 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Fung Shuey	WC Watson	Amer. str.	740	Feb.	4A. Heard & Co		
Hoogy	WC De Bovis	Feb. str.	1087	March	2 Messageries Imperiales	Suez, Galle, &c.	
Sunrise	WC Buchan	Brit. str.	230	March	13 Douglas Lapraik & Co		
<b>SAILING VESSELS.</b>							
Abbott Lawrence	E	Amer. sh.	1516	March	12 Messageries Imperiales		
Advance	W Tams	Siam. sh.	188	Feb.	28 Chinese		
Alert	WC Abbott	Brit. sch.	188	Mar.	12 John Burd & Co		
Alsen	W Gromsch	Prus. sh.	693	Feb.	26 Wm. Pustau & Co		
Amazona	W Ballstedt	Brem. bg.	218	March	6 E. Schellhass & Co		
Apentrate	W Davidson	Prus. bk.	304	March	7 Wm. Pustau & Co	Tientsin	Immediate
Arab	WC Holst	Prus. bk.	350	Feb.	12 Order		
Blair	W Cargill	Brit. bg.	223	March	4 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Canton	W Godt	Prus. bk.	234	Feb.	28 Siemens & Co		
Cary & Jane	W Jansen	Hamb. bk.	412	March	7 Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Charlotte	W Shonorofo	Brem. sch.	280	March	11 E. Schellhass & Co		
Chelsea	WC Lowe	Brit. sh.	904	January	14 Bosman & Co	San Francisco	Early
Child of the Ocean	WC Taylor	Amer. sch.	83	March	11 Russell & Co.		
Cinaman	K Downie	Brit. sh.	667	Feb.	29 Holliday, Wise & Co		
China Packet	WC Reynolds	awa. bk.	210	Feb.	13 Wm. Pustau & Co	Honolulu	
Civiale	WC Holdt	Hamb. bk.	386	March	4 Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Contest	W Reynard	Siam. bk.	386	March	5 Chinese		
Dagmar	W Rhunstrom	Russ. sh.	800	Feb.	28 Order		
Eastward Ho	E Byrne	Brit. sh.	607	Sept.	30 Russell & Co		Sold
Eliza	W Sedgley	Brit. sh.	1378	March	1 Olyphant & Co		
Emigrant	E Escapi	Span. bk.	630	Dec.	24 Order		
Endeavour	W Doane	Amer. sh.	920	March	11 Bull, Pardon & Co		
Froblich	W Stunfordt	Hamb. bg.	320	March	6 Reynvaan Brothers & Co		
Glenlee	W Dunn	Russ. sh.	635	January	8 Order		
Gothic	W	Brit. sh.	690	Sept.	17		Sold
Golden Spur	Rohaud	Brit. sh.	697	March	10 Gilman & Co		
Indus	W Hicks	Brit. sh.	1319	Feb.	28 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Jeanne Alice	W Moutier	Frech. sh.	1209	March	11 Order		
Lady Alice	WC Stranack	Brit. bk.	419	March	1 Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Lesmona	W Steinhack	Brem. bk.	300	Feb.	28 E. Schellhass & Co		
Liguria	WC Fassa	Ital. sh.	643	Dec.	1 Reynvaan, Brothers & Co	San Francisco	
Lorton	Nelson	Brit. bk.	618	March	9 Order		
Malay	WC Dudley	Amer. sh.	212	Feb.	20 Chinese		
Mandane	E Whittle	Brit. bk.	637	Sept.	15 Order		
Maria	W Klencke	Brom. bk.	352	March	1 Chinese		
Mario Theresia	W Bonneson	Fels. bk.	602	Dec.	12 Carlowitz & Co	Surinam	Early
Mary Mildred	WC Fine	Brit. sh.	460	Feb.	24 Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Maria Louisa	W Aresti	Span. bk.	360	March	11 A. Karberg & Co		
Matador	E Kalckloser	Hamb. bk.	302	March	1 Wm. Pustau & Co		
Mathilda	WC Jacobsen	Prus. bg.	300	Feb.	20 Wm. Pustau & Co		
Merchantman	EO Mourellyan	Brit. sh.	1018	March	8 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Minerva	W Carrera	Span. bk.	250	March	1 Remedios & Co		
Mirage	E Ruau	Brit. sh.	718	January	28 S. E. Burrows & Sons		
Morning Star	W Schutt	Siam. sh.	540	Dec.	28 Chinese		
Neville	K Jackson	Brit. sh.	715	Feb.	16 Turner & Co		
New Granada.	W Bauer	Brem. bk.	350	Feb.	7 E. Schellhass & Co		
Ocean	WC Hugues	Feb. bk.	628	January	30 Russell & Co	Sydney	Early
Onward	W White	Brit. sh.	606	Feb.	3 Rozario & Co	Sydney and	Malbourne
Overman	W Gotsche	Hamb. bk.	209	March	11 Wm. Pustau & Co		
Parsee	WC Soule	Amer. bk.	540	Feb.	7 Borneo Company	San Francisco	Early
Pratolongo	K Profumo	Ital. sh.	830	Feb.	10 Reynvaan Bros. & Co		
President Harbitz	Ohe	Nor. bk.	466	March	14 Siemens & Co		
Race Horse	W Kruse	Siam. sh.	387	March	1 Chinese		
Rantipole	W Way	Brit. sch.	193	March	11 R. Brothers & Co.		
Rosolute	W Euziero	Siam. sh.	856	January	7 Chinese		
Sir Janetjee Family	W Cobb	Brit. sh.	1040	Feb.	28 Order		
Magnus	K Hake	Brem. bk.	210	March	4 Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
Sultan	W Howard	Brit. bk.	399	Feb.	8 Order		
Sumatra	E Kiisman	Amer. sh.	1073	July	29 A. Heard & Co		
Thetis	K Ostermann	Olden. bg.	240	March	4 Order		
Vanguard	E Unter	Brit. sh.	628	March	4 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Vesta	W Tetens	Bamb. bg.	240	March	11 Siemens & Co.		
Yelang	W Donsky	Siam. bk.	472	January	12 Chinese		